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Applicant: Ranalli
Serial No.: 10/727,136
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Group Art Unit: 3748
Examiner: Nguyen, Tu Minh
Title: Vehicle With Diesel Engine With Discontinuously Regenerated Exhaust Gas Purification System Using Fuel Vapor Injection
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir;

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 18, 2005. Please amend the application as follows.

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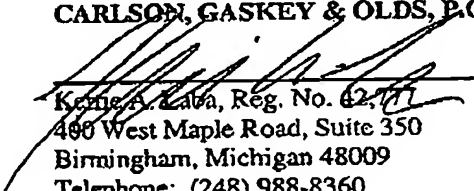
importance of a certain limitation, it is not appropriate for the examiner to rely solely on case law as the rationale for supporting an obviousness rejection. See MPEP 2144. As set forth in paragraph [15] of the subject application, applicant has explained the importance of providing an annular gap as claimed.

Also, the case law cited by the examiner does not include facts that are sufficiently similar to those of the present application. See MPEP 2144. The invention set forth in the case of In re Boesch concerns the formation of an alloy. Decisions in such chemical composition cases have no bearing on applicant's invention.

Applicant asserts that claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests and indication of such. A check is enclosed to cover the cost of 3 additional claims. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due, however, if any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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